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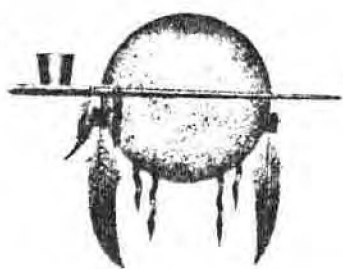
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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Indian community and Supporters,

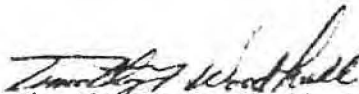
We would like to welcome the readers of our monthly HONGA. Since our last HONGA went to press, there has been some very interesting activities in our Indian community, reservations, cities, states, and nation involving our Indian people.

Through the efforts of the American Indian Center staff and board of directors, we will keep you abreast of these activities as they occur from time to time on a monthly basis. If any individual has an article to be published, please call or bring it to your American Indian Center HONGA Editor for publication for our Indian community readership.

In the month of July the AICO staff prepared their annual continuation grants in order to continue the program services your Indian Center has to offer the community. Special thanks for their efforts -- alcoholism; health & nutrition; health careers; administration. Through the National offices and Indian desks, we anticipate favorable results in maintaining the government's responsibility to our Indian people. These programs will support the progress of our people.

This month we have applied for two important grants: United Way, \$57,556 for the development of a total youth program; SEDs, \$70,587 to promote socio self-sufficiency and economic development through developing an overall strategy of program development through a human and social service network.

Respectfully,


Timothy F. Woodhull, Executive Director
American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc.

Representative, Nebraska Indian Commission



9TH ANNUAL URBAN INDIAN CULTURAL CLUB POW WOW
AUGUST 29, 30, 31 & SEPTEMBER 1, 1980
N.P. DODGE PARK, 11000 RIVER ROAD
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The Urban Indian Cultural Club, Inc., announces the 9th Annual Pow Wow. They cordially invite all groups and community people to join them in this celebration.

This year's pow wow will include traditional Hand games, gourd dances, war dances. The dance contests will be held with \$2,700 in prize money being awarded. There will be inter-tribal dancing and all drums are welcome to participate. Camping facilities will be available. Evening meals will be provided. They want all persons to bring their dishes and chairs.

POW WOW STAFF

Master of Ceremonies.....Herman Parker
Head Singer.....Bill Camby
Head Man Dancer.....Elmer Blackbird
Head Lady Dancer.....Roberta Lovejoy
Princess.....Melo's Cleveland
Head Little Boy Dancer.....Tony Thomas
Head Little Girl Dancer.....Joyce Parker

For further information, please contact:
Mr. Joe Hollowell, President, Urban Indian Cultural Club, Inc., 2730 South 21st Street, Omaha, NE 68108 (402 341-9171)***

MARY ANN SNOWBALL. SELECTED MISS INDIAN USA

Miss Mary Ann Snowball, Omaha/Winnebago, was selected by a panel of judges for the title of Miss Indian USA 1980 at ceremonies at the Indians' World's Fair and pow wow and rodeo held in Macy, Nebraska, which ended August 10.

Miss Paula Parker, Omaha, was first runner up.

Among other events, John Turner, Omaha, was proclaimed Chief by the National Indian Hall of Fame Association. George Grep, a Sac and Fox Indian, was also selected for honorary chieftainship by the Indian Hall of Fame.***

HEALTH AND NUTRITION FAIR TO BE HELD

The Health and Nutrition Department will hold a Fair on August 28, 1980, at 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Adams Community Center, 2730 South 21st Street, Omaha, NE 68108. Call AICO for transportation.

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SIoux CHIEF ASKS FOR BLACK HILLS

Rapid City, S.D. -- Frank Fools Crow, a Pine Ridge Reservation Oglala Sioux Indian Chieftain, told the Black Hills International Survival Gathering held recently near Rapid City in the Black Hills that he wanted the Black Hills returned to his people.

The Sioux Nation has been involved in a legal battle with the government for taking the land in violation of a treaty negotiated in the 1800s.

"I want everybody to know that this country called Black Hills belongs to me and my Indian people," Fools Crow said. "Today I want it back." He added, "I am doing this for my coming generations of Indian people so they may be in want because we have everything in the Hills that our coming children can use to their benefit."***

TRIBAL OFFICIAL: BURKE WRONG

The Chairman of the Omaha Tribe said that a recent lawsuit attempting to return the Black Hills to Indians has no relationship to the Omaha tribe's claim to 2,900 acres in the Blackbird Bend areas along the Missouri River east of Macy, Nebraska.

Eddie Cline said tribal members disagreed with comments by Omaha attorney Tom Burke that the Black Hills lawsuit, filed last week, gives a boost to white persons' hopes that the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the Blackbird Bend case.

Burke had said that some issues in the two cases are similar. A key issue is an 8th U.S. Circuit Court ruling that if Indians once had possession of land, and white persons later moved onto it, the whites bear the burden of proving they have title.

Burke said he hoped the Supreme Court would hear the Blackbird Bend case in helping set precedent for the Black Hills suit and other Indian land claims.

Cline said Burke is wrong.

"The Blackbird Bend lands always have been part of the Omaha Indian Reservation although the lands are now east of the Missouri River, and the 8th Circuit Court and Supreme Court held that the tribe proved its claim to the extent required by law," Cline said.

TIME TO PACK?

By Robert McMorris (Omaha World Herald)

A woman who lives in Washington state wrote to an Omaha friend, Mabel Sias, that survivors of the volcanic eruptions at Mount St. Helens included a family of Indians who moved away from the foot of the mountain a year ago because one of them had a vision it was "going to blow."

The Washingtonian said she is a bit apprehensive because another Indian vision revealed that Mount Baker and Mount Rainier will also erupt. She added, "I asked this fellow (the predictor) how soon that would happen so I could pack a bag and request a vacation and head for Hawaii. He said, 'Indians have never had a sense of time. It could be a day or a hundred years.'"

'HOMEWARD THE ARROW'S FLIGHT'

By Wayne Tyndall

The foregoing title is the name of the new book written by Marion Marsh Brown of Omaha about Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte, an Omaha Indian and the first Indian woman of her race to become a medical doctor.

A daughter of Joseph LaFlesche, the Omaha Indian chieftain known as Iron Eye, Susan was a younger sister of Suzette LaFlesche, known as Bright Eyes.

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In 1879 at the age of 14, Susan left the Omaha Reservation to attend Elizabeth Institute in New Jersey and then Hampton Institute in Virginia, an Indian boarding school. Later, she received her medical degree at Philadelphia Women's Medical College graduating at the top of her class and, after interning, returned to practice medicine on the Omaha Reservation.

After marriage to Henry Picotte, a Yankton Sioux whom she had met while attending Hampton, she practiced in Bancroft, Nebraska, and later in Walthill, where she established a hospital. After her death, it was named the Dr. Susan Picotte Memorial Hospital. It is now a nursing home.

On August 25 from 11 to 2 p.m. an autograph party will be held at Kieser's Book Store, 1516 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68102.

The new book "Homeward the Arrow's Flight" is now on sale for \$7.95 plus 35¢ sales tax. If you are interested in ordering the book, add a \$1.00 for postage. Out of state orders do not pay the sales tax.

Everyone is invited to attend the autograph party said Rick Kieser.

JO ANN YELLOW BIRD IS DEAD

Jo Ann Yellow Bird who recently made headlines when she won a \$300,000 civil rights judgment against the City of Gordon, Ne, has committed suicide by taking strychnine. She died on July 7, hours after she had been rushed to the Rapid City Regional Hospital. She was the mother of eight children. They live near Martin, S.D.

Following a 1975 bar brawl in Gordon, Ne, Mrs. Yellow Bird filed an \$8 million civil rights suit against the City of Gordon, Sheridan County and seven individuals.

Mrs. Yellow Bird contended a Gordon officer kicked her in the abdomen, that sheriff's deputies refused to take her to a hospital for hours after she asked for help, and that another police officer told her on the way to jail that he didn't know whether "to take you out in the country and shoot you or take you to jail." She lost her baby.

Western Nebraska is widely known for its mistreatment of native Americans.

TWO NEW EMPLOYEES HIRED FOR HEALTH & NUTRITION PROGRAM

By Clyde Tyndall

The American Indian Center welcomes two new employees. Janet Harris has been hired as Receptionist/Intake Worker, and Joan Garey as Driver/Community Aide. With the

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addition of these two workers on the staff of the Health & Nutrition Department, the Center can provide services to more people in the Indian community. Joan will also be involved in the current Outreach Program and many of you will be meeting her as she visits your home. Janet will be greeting you as you come to the Indian Center, please feel free to call on their assistance as they are here to help you.

BAKE SALE,,

By Janet Harris, Receptionist/Intake Worker

The American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc., is planning a Bake Sale in the very near future. Proceeds from this event will go towards establishing an Arts & Crafts group. Persons interested in participating in this program, please contact Janet Harris at the Indian Center (344-0111) for further information.

ELSIE HARLAN ELECTED FOOD STAMP CHAIRPERSON OF OMAHA

By Clyde Tyndall, Health & Nutrition Project Coordinator

At a recently held meeting of NEBRASKANS UNITED FOR FOOD (NUFF) members, Elsie Harlan, Nutrition Education Specialist for the Indian Center was elected to the position of FOOD STAMP CHAIRPERSON. Elsie has demonstrated expert knowledge in the Food Stamp Program and has used this knowledge to the benefit of the Indian community. In her new position as Chairperson, she is now responsible for a greater number of people in the Omaha area. We at the Indian Center congratulate Elsie and know she can handle the job. Congratulations, Elsie!!!

OUT REACH PROGRAM BEGINS

The American Indian Center has now started its OUTREACH PROGRAM. Four Outreach Workers are now visiting homes in the Indian community. Josephine Clinchers from the Health Careers Department; Ellen Cunningham, Elsie Harlan, and Joan Garey from the Health and Nutrition Department will be knocking on doors and providing Health & Nutrition Education and assisting families in various problem areas.

Josephine is presenting educational materials to the Indian youth in the community for possible careers in the health fields; Elsie is concentrating on the elderly Indian population; Ellen is assisting the general Indian community while Joan is primarily doing follow-up work. Please welcome them into your homes and let them know of your needs. The girls are there to help and serve you.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST MEETING

By Ellen Cunningham, Outreach/Social Worker

On July 21, 1980, a school breakfast meeting

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was held at the Carriage House, 39th & Davenport. Ellen Cunningham, outreach/social worker from the American Indian Center, Corrine Grant, and Gracie Esau, clients from the Indian community also attended the meeting to lend support. The main point of the meeting was to keep the "severe needs funding" from being cut by the school board. Various advocacy groups such as Nebraskans United For Food, GOCA, Chicano Awareness Center also attended the meeting voicing their concern about the School Breakfast Program. John Hanger, Project Coordinator of Nebraskans United for Food reported to the Indian Center that the group's effort met with favorable results, and that the "severe needs funds" would be available for the School Breakfast Program through the Fall.

YOUR MAIL IS HERE

The following persons have mail at the AICO:

1. Dwight J. Morris (2)
2. Kenneth Red Hill (9)
3. Kenneth Hill (5)
4. Dan Hallowell (1)
5. Virgil Grant (3)
6. Dean W. Birdhead (3)
7. Leroy Birdhead (deceased) (1)
8. George T. Phillips (5)
9. Roger Grant (2)
10. Hutchinson Andrew (1)
11. Andy & Pat ThunderCloud (1)
12. Sylvester Young (2)
13. Daniel Patterson (1)
14. Arthur Blackbird (1)
15. Jordan Fields (1)
16. Edward Lavallie (1)
17. Sherman Hinman (1)
18. Cecil Leading Horses (1)
19. Hobert Little Clouds (1)
20. E. N. McKean (1)
21. Charles Fields (deceased) (2)

Mail can be picked up from 8 to 5 weekdays.

HANDGAME AUGUST 16

By Elsie Harlan

On August 16 a Handgame will be held in honor of the marriage of David Grant, a member of the Omaha tribe and Isabel Full Bull, a member of the Sioux tribe.

Emily Dick will sponsor the event. She said, "The occasion will be held at 2 p.m., in the small arena in Macy, Nebraska."

Everyone is welcome to attend the handgame.

SISSETON POW WOW

The Sisseton Sioux Tribe will hold a pow wow over the labor day weekend according to Carie Moorehouse.***

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED

By Elsie Harlan

On August 24, 1980 (Sunday) Mr. and Mrs. Lester (Sam) Robinson will celebrate their 60th Diamond wedding anniversary at the small arena located at the pow wow grounds in Macy, Nebraska. They are both members of the Omaha Tribe and lifetime residence of the Omaha Indian Reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson exemplify living history and true love. The couple were married August 24, 1920 by the Reverend Ebby in the Presbyterian Church when it was located below the cemetery. Later the Reformed Church of America bought the church when they came to the reservation to remain.

On June 27, 1917, Mr. Robinson entered the 6th Nebraska Infantry in Walthill, Nebraska. He spent some time in Liver Pool England and France during his twenty-two months in the military service. Sam along with John Robinson and Andrew Solomon are the only three surviving World War I veterans among the Omaha Tribe, according to Mrs. Robinson.

The Robinsons' two daughters, Victoria and Mary La Bertha and grandchildren are sponsoring a gourd dance and war dance for the occasion. The celebration is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Clifford Wolfe of Macy will be in charge of the dance and will serve as master of ceremonies.

The headlady dancer will be Theresa Nowland and the headsinger will be Eddie Sheridan both of Macy. The headman dancer will be Joe Harlan of Winnebago. The staff for the dance are all members of the Omaha Tribe.

Afterwards a feast will be held to which everyone is invited.

HEALTH CAREERS

The Creighton/CETA health careers involvement program for high school juniors and seniors will begin this fall. Participants will be working at various health care facilities on the campus and throughout the city.

Every Saturday morning academic reinforcement and career exploration sessions will be held on the Creighton campus. Students will receive a stipend from CETA for their involvement in this program. If interested call Mrs. Arlen Rhodes, Director of Minorities Affairs at Creighton University -- 449-2981.

Do Indian students realize numerous Indian health manpower programs have been established nationwide to recruit, provide support and assist in placement of Indians interested in a health career?

Many Indian students may already know of the needs and opportunities available within the health field. Call Ms. Clinchers at 36-0111.***

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